



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1712 AF 1712

Navy Case No. 82,222

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Serial No. 09/822,308

: Group Art Unit: 1712

Filed: March 29, 2001

: Examiner: Michael J. Feely

For: FIREPROOF PROTECTION INTEGRATING: Confirmation No. 7684
FABRICATION SYSTEM FOR COMPOSITE :
STRUCTURES :

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SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In view of the Examiner's Advisory Action dated Oct. 16, 2002 (Paper No. 11), the following amendments to the claims are proposed under 37 U.S.C. 1.116, as a replacement for the previously proposed amendments set forth in Paper No. 10 dated Sept. 30, 2002.

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

TO THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 2, 9, 12, 13 and 16 as follows:

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2. A process of forming a composite structure by applying a barrier to an underlying substrate during fabrication of the composite structure, including the steps of: introducing a fire resisting agent to the barrier after formation thereof; and attaching the barrier to the substrate before completing the fabrication of the composite structure; said step of introducing the fire resisting agent comprising: in-situ infusion of the agent into the barrier during said fabrication of the composite structure.